(d) whether the Cradle Baby Scheme in Tamil Nadu, which has been yielding very good response and results, would be followed in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) National Crime Record Bureau does not maintain sex-wise information on infanticide. However, State/UT-wise number of cases registered under Infanticide (Section 315 IPC) during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 are 102, 108 and 126 respectively.

(c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the scheme of Dhanalakshmi-Conditional Cash Transfer for girl child with Insurance Cover which includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionalities *viz.* birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age. The Ministry is also undertaking awareness and sensitization programmes.

(d) Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely "Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)" for implementation during the Eleventh Plan Period under which there is provision for setting up of Cradle Baby Reception Centres in each district. These Cradle Baby Reception Centres would be linked to Cradle Points at Primary Health Care Centres (PHCs), Hospitals/Nursing Homes, Swadhar Units, Short Stay Homes and in District Child Protection Unit to receive abandoned babies. The proposed scheme is yet to be implemented.

Regulation of surrogacy

2943. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to regulate the business of surrogacy through Government agency in the interest of surrogate child;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether surrogacy cost in the country are abysmally low as compared to USA, UK and other countries; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) It is informed by Indian Council of Medical Research that there is no control of Government on IVF practices including surrogacy in the country and, therefore, there is no authentic data regarding the cost of surrogacy in the country.

Chairmen of the Social Welfare Boards

2944. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Social Welfare Boards in all States are approved by the Chairperson, Central Social Welfare Board in the Ministry;